# BEARFACTS 1995 – 2005 Okeechobee, Florida [12093]

Okeechobee is one of 67 counties in Florida. It is part of the Okeechobee, FL Micropolitan SA. Its 2005 population of 39,354 ranked 44th in the state.

## PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2005 Okeechobee had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$21,326. This PCPI ranked 57th in the state and was 61 percent of the state average, \$34,798, and 61 percent of the national average, \$34,757. The 2005 PCPI reflected an increase of 4.5 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 state change was 6.7 percent and the national change was 4.9 percent. In 1995 the PCPI of Okeechobee was \$15,076 and ranked 50th in the state. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.4 percent and for the nation was 4.2 percent.

#### TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2005 Okeechobee had a total personal income (TPI) of \$839,282\*. This TPI ranked 46th in the state and accounted for 0.1 percent of the state total. In 1995 the TPI of Okeechobee was \$481,084\* and ranked 46th in the state. The 2005 TPI reflected an increase of 6.3 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 state change was 9.1 percent and the national change was 5.9 percent. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.5 percent and for the nation was 5.3 percent.

### COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Okeechobee. In 2005 net earnings accounted for 54.4 percent of TPI (compared with 53.8 in 1995); dividends, interest, and rent were 16.5 percent (compared with 18.9 in 1995); and personal current transfer receipts were 29.1 percent (compared with 27.2 in 1995). From 2004 to 2005 net earnings increased 8.4 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 42.9 percent; and personal current transfer receipts decreased 10.0 percent. From 1995 to 2005 net earnings increased on average 5.8 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.4 percent.

#### EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Okeechobee increased from \$413,869\* in 2004 to \$451,303\* in 2005, an increase of 9.0 percent. The 2004-2005 state change was 8.8 percent and the national change was 5.4 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1995 estimate of \$259,445\* to the 2005 estimate was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.7 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.

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